

Michael Pryor

Mr. Thomas,

I live in Fremont County, and I do not support the revised second draft issued on 1/17/2020 that effectively prevents Aethon from expanding its work at Moneta Divide. Your continuous movement of the goal posts is un-American, and frankly antithetical to your mission. Your job is to ensure these guys do this work safely and responsibly. Based on the stealth of this revision, it appears that you are trying to end run a fair process and go back on your word.

Our county and area would greatly benefit from the economic 'shot in the arm' this field would provide. The jobs it would preserve, and probably create, is more than worth it. The stimulus it would provide to the state's finances would also be beneficial.

Your initial draft left plenty of room for you to monitor their progress and provided safeguards should something unanticipated or out of the norm happen. If you do your job to monitor and evaluate as the project progresses, this should work.

I support the initial draft proposal WYPDES permit WY0002062 issued in March of 2019. I strongly encourage the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality to approve an updated version of the initial draft of the Aethon (Moneta Divide) Proposed Discharge Permit and manage the discharge within the acceptable limits. It would benefit the entire state.

Sincerely,
Michael 'Mick' Pryor